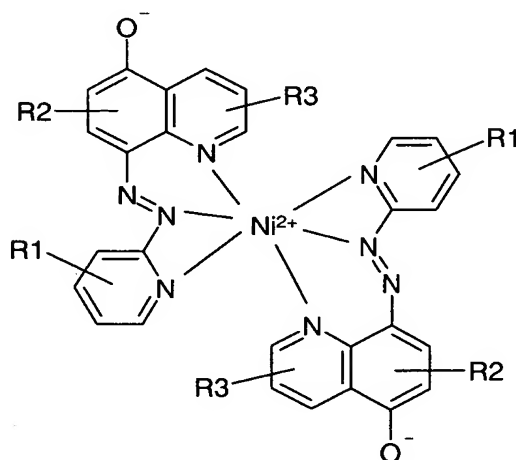


### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A coating composition for making a protein microarray, the composition comprising a gelling agent or a precursor to a gelling agent, and microspheres; the  
 5 microspheres containing a dye represented by the Formula (I):



Formula (I)

wherein: R1 = one or more substituent selected from the group of H, chloro,  
 10 alkoxycarbonyl, arylsulfamoyl, or alkylsulfamoyl; R2 = one or more substituent  
 selected from the group of H, carboxamido, or alkoxycarbonyl; R3 = one or more  
 substituent selected from the group of H, chloro, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl,  
 aryl, carboxamido, or alkoxycarbonyl.